

## Student Example #2 - Reflection #1

The video that I watched was *Ho'okele*. This was a very positive and motivating video. Throughout the video, I was able to draw what I thought was the producer's points of view and I also got to see how it directly related to what I was learning/reading in class.

In this video, I think the producer's main point was to raise awareness for Hawaiian culture through canoes and navigation. The canoes that were highlighted in the video were the Hokule'a, Hoku Alaka'i, and Makali'i. Guest Kalepa Baybayan feels that these canoes not only symbolize something for Hawaiians of the past, but for present day Hawaiians as well. The canoes represent how smart, resourceful, and great Hawaiians were in the past. Hawaiians built canoes from the materials that they had available to them on the island, such as coconut husks, timber, and leaves. Which made the cordage, haul, and sail. For present day Hawaiians, the canoes are a symbol of keeping the Hawaiian culture alive and a way to "be one" with their ancestors. Navigation goes hand in hand with canoes and was used in the past to voyage safely overseas. Although we have advanced technology today, it is still practiced by modern Hawaiians as a way of reconnecting with their roots.

In class, we learned and read about the Hokule'a and navigation. Which is directly related to the video *Ho'okele*. Both the readings in class and the video share a lot of the same ideas and information. The Hokule'a is represented as a way for Hawaiians today to keep their culture alive and symbolize how great Hawaiians are. It shows that Hawaiians today are capable of achieving great things and being knowledgeable, proving many people wrong and going against many stereotypes. Navigation was another big topic. From the readings and the video, we learn that Hawaiians were and still are very smart and courageous people. They go on long voyages without modern technology and just rely entirely on their knowledge of nature.

Hawaiians use the daytime star or the sun, nighttime stars, the current, the wind, the birds, the clouds, and everything in nature to determine which way to go. This definitely requires a lot of courage and an extensive skill set in navigation.

Lastly, the tone of this video was very positive and gave me a sense of motivation. Kalepa spoke about how he became involved with navigation and his story was really motivational to me. Although Kalepa was young and inexperienced, he had passion and a desire to learn. And with luck, he got to be a part of the Hokule'a. This made me realize that all you really need is a passion for something and the willingness to learn, then opportunities will naturally come to you. You are bound to be the best at what you do if you genuinely have a passion for it and a mindset to constantly learn and grow.

All in all, the video *Ho'okele* was enjoyable to watch, yet very knowledgeable. I got a sense of Hawaiian culture revitalization as the producer's points of view and learned a life lesson through Kalepa's personal story. Lastly, I saw how our readings in class were linked to this video.

<b>Reflection of the Topic &amp; Media</b>	3/3
<b>Organization &amp; Support of Evidence</b>	3/3
<b>Writing Conventions</b>	3/3
<b>Total</b>	10/10 = 100% A+